

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRIGGERING
AUTOMATED PROCESSING OF DATA

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A number of items of data from a data source (12) can
be processed and then deposited in at least one data
destination (16, 17). The data can be image data, text
data, numeric data or some other type of data, or a
combination of these types of data. The processing of the
data is controlled by a project definition (14, 71, 101)
which includes a plurality of modules selected from a
variety of available modules (Tables 1-4). The modules
10 have input and output ports which are interrelated by
binding information. Execution of the project definition
can be initiated by various events. One such event is the
receipt of a communication expressed in a publication
communication protocol. Another such event is an update to
15 the data in the data source, resulting in automatic
initiation of the execution of the project definition.